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SUBJECT: CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL'S VISIT TO LONDON

REF: STATE 59263

- 1. CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL BAYULKEN VISITED LONDON MARCH 8 TO 13 AFTER HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. HE MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, DEFENSE SECRETARY MASON, FCO MINISTER OF STATE ENNALS, AND ACTING CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF HUNT. LATTER TWO AS WELL AS TURKISH AMBASSADOR GAVE LUNCHEONS FOR HIM, WHICH WERE MARKED BY EXPRESSIONS OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR CENTO AND THE NEED FOR A STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST POSTURE.
- 2. ACCORDING TO FCO DESK OFFICERS FOR CENTO WILLIAMS AN MCCLUNEY, WHOM EMBOFF BRIEFED ON BASIS OF REFTEL, BAYULKEN TOOK SAME LINE HERE ON CENTO AS IN WASHINGTON EXCEPT FOR NUANCE ON POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER. IN LONDON BAYULKEN WAS INFORMED THAT POLITICAL WORKING GROUP HAD AGAIN FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE PAPER, WHEREUPON HE SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE A "RESTATEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVE OF CENTO" BUT THAT THE MATTER OF THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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PAPER WOULD NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS AT THE CENTO MINISTERIAL

IN MAY. FCO HAS SENT TO ANKARA LIST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT DRAFT.

- 3. FCO OFFICERS ADDED THAT BAYULKEN HAD EXPOUNDED ALONG THE LINES OF HIS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK "COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CHANGING WORLD CONDITION," AND HAD ALSO REFLECTED SHAH'S CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE ANTI-PAKISTANI MOVES BY AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA.
- 4. FOR DEPARTMENT AND ANKARA: WE UNDERSTAND CENTO SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING SCHEDULE FOR CENTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. ON BASIS OF FUNCTIONS MARKING BAYULKEN'S VISIT AND RECENT ROUND OF MEETINGS OF CENTO COMMITTEES IN LONDON, WE ASSUME AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS HERE CAN EXPECT TO BE DRAWN INTO PROCEEDINGS CONNECTED WITH THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. EMBASSY WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE INFO BOTH ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AN ON PLANNING FOR CONFERENCE.

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